



Georgia Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators

Officer of the Year Award 2009

The Officer of the Year Award was presented by GACLEA President Sammie Stone, South Georgia Technical College Director of Campus Safety, to Georgia Tech Officer Alexis Gutierrez and to University of Georgia Sergeant Adam Fouche on November 5, 2009.

Georgia Tech Deputy Chief Pat Wypasek nominated Officer Gutierrez for the award for his service to the Georgia Tech community by frequently volunteering for departmental special assignments and to stay after work if needed by his supervisors. He demonstrated great courage after responding to a suspicious person call that led him to arrest a wanted high profile member of the New Black Panther Party. He has received several letters of praise from members of the community for his professional service as a public safety officer. He is currently assigned to the department's Crime Prevention Unit as a full-time crime prevention officer.

University of Georgia Chief of Police Jimmy Williamson nominated Sergeant Fouche for the award because he exemplifies the qualities everyone wants in a police officer and is willing to lead and influence others in the same way. After graduating with a degree in journalism from UGA and working for six years as a multi-award winning reporter, he changed his career to law enforcement in 2004 in order to be in a better position to give back to the community. After graduating as president and top honor graduate of his academy class, Sergeant Fouche has since become a POST certified instructor with an emphasis on leadership and ethics and a member of the UGA Finance and Administration's Staff Representative Group.

The Officer of the Year Award recognizes an officer employed by an institutional member of GACLEA for their outstanding contributions to campus safety. The criteria are:

- A strong work ethic and commitment to professionalism in law enforcement.
- A significant contribution resulting in increased safety and/or customer service for the campus community.
- Creative suggestions or initiatives resulting in a new successful program or service for a department or for the academic institution.
- Innovation resulting in increased efficiency or decreased costs in a department or for the academic institution.
- Commitment to improving cross-cultural understanding and/or philanthropic activities.
- Great courage in the course of their duties.

To be eligible for this award the person nominated must be a full time employee of an institutional member whose primary job responsibilities include the protection of life and property and providing for the safety and security of the community.

The awards committee reviewed the nominations and forwarded those meeting the criteria to the review committee. The review committee, a sub-committee consisting of the Executive Committee members and the chair of each association committee, reviewed the nominations and selected the recipient.